

Where the Kootenay Central Railway is Now Building To!

THE OUTCROP.

Devoted to the Mining and Development of the Windermere and Golden Divisions of the District of North East Kootenay.

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DISTRICT CROPPINGS

And Other Items of Interest in a General Way

Has spring arrived?

Maquerade Ball Feb. 14.

It won't be long until land here is selling at \$100 per acre.

Latest reports quote silver at 65½ and lead at \$5.00, copper declining to 18c.

Golden has a star box car lingulet that has to be shut up occasionally.

Have you done anything towards the move to have an experimental farm located in this valley? Boost it all you can.

The burning out of a chimney at the Union Hotel yesterday morning caused a little excitement in Wilmer and proved the advantage of having a few pails of water handy.

Mining, lumbering and agriculture—we've got them all right here in this valley. All we want is the K. C. R. and this industrial trio will sing a song that will be heard from ocean to ocean.

S. Brewer is now hauling lumber to Fairmont to build a new residence. It beats all how the ranchers do prosper in this valley. Sam has had thirteen successful crops from his fruit trees, and now look at him.

Cranbrook Prospector: We trust that the Provincial Government will encourage railway building in East Kootenay by granting a substantial subsidy towards the construction of the Kootenay Central Railway during the present year.

By last mail The Outcrop received no less than three letters from Alberta asking for information of the agricultural land in this valley. All these people are seeking a milder climate where they can grow fruit, and they are looking in the right direction.

Late arrivals from Spillimachee state that an important strike has been reported from the zinc property being worked by Capt. Armstrong. It is said the whole face of the lower tunnel is in ore. It is hoped the genial Captain has really struck something good.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardwick Granger were down from their Findlay creek ranch last week, visiting their friends in the different towns. They are located about half way between Santo's and Spencer's and are already preparing to go into stock raising on an extensive scale.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Starbird left on Tuesday for Cranbrook en route to New York, where Mr. Starbird goes in connection with business of the Platinian Mines, of which he is manager. Miss M. Bessie, who has been visiting Mr. Starbird since last spring, is accompanying them to her home in Colorado.

Unfortunately The Outcrop has destroyed a letter which contained the item in last issue quoting what Mr. Thomas Shaugnessy was said to have written Dr. Watt. The letter contained the clipping from the Cranbrook Prospector and a note stating the quotation was right and that The Outcrop was at liberty to use it, but was signed only with one initial, Dr. Watt now writes the Prospector that the quotation was wrong and misleading, although the Prospector maintains it is correct. However, in future initials don't go with The Outcrop.

Say, what's your mask for the 14th?

Athalmer was a lively burg Saturday night.

The cattle and horses on the ranges should all winter well.

Glorious weather—fine, warm and lots of sunshine; sleighing good and foothills bare.

Wilmer will soon have no churches. It beats all how civilization is crowding in on this camp.

If this weather holds out we should hear that gladiolus time: "Good morning, did you see my cayuse?"

With the Spokane-International and the Kootenay Central, you will be able to hear Cranbrook grow.—Herald.

Chas. Munroe came down from the Lucky Boy group, situated on the south side of Tully, last week, as he feared the recent warm weather might cause snow slides in that vic.ity.

Rev. Mr. Smyth is converting Wm. Chamberlain's store building into a church, and will shortly hold English church services regularly on Sunday evenings in Wilmer.

G. A. Starke left yesterday morning for the North M. mine, if it is considered that there is any danger there of snow slides he will bring Mrs. Wamborn and her children back with him.

The Vancouver World has a label on hand with a "quick medicine" company and will fight to a finish. Whether the World wins or not it will earn the thanks of the people of Canada for its effort to protect suffering humanity.

T. C. Connors returned to Wilmer on the Cranbrook stage Sunday for the purpose of buying more horses to take over to Alberta. He was successful with the "hunch" he took over the mountain late last fall and has since been engaged in a lively business at Red Deer.

Jas. Lighter was down from his ranch south of Windermere for a few days last week enjoying life. He has a fine piece of land and is working hard to get it under cultivation, when he will demonstrate how the boys from three farms, Jimmy is all right and one of our most promising fortune-makers.

The leavers of the Swans, east of Windermere, have started men to work and will haul ore to the Windermere wharf as soon as the roads are again in good condition. They are carefully sorting over the several car loads pile up on the dump and assessing it at the mine, and will proceed with development and take out more ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Tegtart drove through the medium of The Outcrop to convey to the many friends their grateful appreciation of the many beautiful gifts presented to them on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of their wedding day, for which they are buying a cabinet in which to preserve them. They also wish to make known their pleasure at having had the opportunity of entertaining their friends.

Baptiste Morigeau, who has lived in this valley more than 40 years, states that many years ago he learned the cause of horses and cattle dying in winter on the slopes. His theory is that when the first frost comes in the winter the water is still in the "goose-grass" and is frozen solid. The animals eat large quantities of this cannot properly digest it and it gets into the stomach, and unless they get soft food or medicine they quickly die. He says he has cut into dead animals and found the case. He also says that after the first chinook there is no danger as then the water or ice goes out of the grass. This theory is certainly quite reasonable.

THE SILVER WEDDING

Mr. and Mrs. W. Tegtart Entertain Friends Royally

Many Handsome Gifts Were Presented

Last Thursday evening, January 25th, there was one of the largest gatherings that ever met at a social function in this district at the Windermere Hall, the occasion being the 25th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Walker Tegtart's wedding day and the assembly were some of their many friends who had been invited to join them in merry making. It may be proper to explain that the hall was made use in view of the fact that their private residence could in no wise accommodate the number invited.

While the spacious hall was well filled with guests, yet had it not been for the chinook that set in Monday, clearing away the snow and leaving the roads in a bad state, there would have been many more in attendance. But as it was the whole country from Fairmont to Bisco was well represented.

The hall had been artistically decorated for the occasion, and in the centre of the platform a table had been placed on which rested a mammoth wedding cake, prettily decorated. On the platform Mr. and Mrs. Tegtart and family were seated, where they received their guests as they arrived, who fairly showered congratulations upon them as they presented them with handsome gifts until the table glittered with silverware, excellent in beauty and countless anything ever before seen in the valley. When nearly all had arrived, Miss Daisy Tegtart, their eldest daughter, took her seat at the piano and skillfully played the "Wedding March", which was led by Mr. and Mrs. Tegtart, followed by their children, John, Pearl and Ruth, and all their other relatives and friends.

Then Mr. C. Cameron took charge as floor manager and dancing was indulged in, the many beautiful costumes of the ladies lending a fascination to the scene of phantom like forms gliding gracefully through the varied numbers that the program contained.

Shortly after mid night a magnificent luncheon was served, and here it was shown to best advantage what prosperous ranchers can do in this valley. The many advantages a farmer possesses over town people are too well known to need repeating here, but they were all very much in evidence, and the wholesome food supplied in sandwiches, delicious pies, cakes ice cream, etc., etc., was greatly enjoyed and heartily partaken of.

Then dancing was resumed and continued a couple of hours, when a step was made for the important ceremony of cutting the wedding cake, which was done by Mrs. Tegtart and a liberal supply distributed to all present. After a short intermission dancing was again resumed and continued until 5:30 a.m., when three mighty cheers and a "tiger" were given for Mr. and Mrs. Tegtart and all departed for their home tired, yet happy.

Among the many handsome presents were noted the following, but it is understood the list is incomplete as some have since arrived from a distance and others are en route from distant friends, and all mentioned are, of course, silver:

Mr. and Mrs. J. Beech, cup and saucer. Mr. and Mrs. Neilson, biscuit jar. Messrs. J. and J. Lambert, fruit spoon. E. Neilson, napkin ring. Jos. Tait, cream jug and sugar bowl. J. Hostler, sugar bowl and label.

Mrs. John McKay of Victoria, butter knife.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. L. McKay, cream pitcher, sugar bowl and shell.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Chamberlain, bon bon dish.

Mrs. Brecht and Miss Pearl and Willie McNeil, comb tray, four 25 cent coins and one 50 cent coin beautifully engraved.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. S. Barbour, match case and brush.

Frank Tume, napkin ring.

Miss F. J. Haywood, shoe button hook.

J. D. Fraser, butter knife.

J. C. Pitts, a dozen knives and forks.

A. R. Yates, berry spoon.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Kilmington, set of nut crackers.

C. M. and F. Mitchell, butter dish and knife.

Mr. and Mrs. Baptiste Morigeau, salt and pepper shakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. S. Lake, cake basket.

Madams Smyth, Stoddart, F. Kimpston, W. Taynton and J. Taynton, sugar bowl and a dozen spoons.

W. H. Stoddart, nut cracker set.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans, sugar spoon and butter knife.

G. M. Willard, fork.

Miss McNaughton, jelly ladle.

E. L. Stock, syrup jug.

Mr. and Mrs. Troyer, vinaigrette and sword paper knife.

Hewitson Bros., Stoddart Bros., S. Craig and C. Cameron, tray and tea set.

Mrs. M. Cameron, thimble.

Mr. and Mrs. Rauch, butter dish and knife.

Mrs. and Miss Forty of Victoria, bread tray.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton, berry spoon.

C. A. Warren of Golden, server.

Frank Nickelson, butter knife.

Mr. and Mrs. Starke, china salad bowl mounted with silver and servers.

Hon. W. C. Wells, a dozen tea spoons and case.

C. D. Ellis, berry spoon.

A. Richter, bon bon dish.

C. Farmer and J. Williamson, breakfast cruet.

Percy Hart, cutglass silver mounted salt and pepper shakers.

J. Burnes, half dozen spoons.

J. H. Walsh and C. Cartwright, butter dish.

Mrs. W. A. Colton, table spoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady of Golden, photo r.s.

Mrs. Battle of London, Eng., butter dish.

Mrs. Galbraith of Fort Steele.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tegtart a silver brush.

M. Mitchell, fruit knife.

Eight Hour Shift

Seven years ago a law was passed in this province making it compulsory to work no more than eight hours under ground in metalliferous mines. Its opponents claimed that it would ruin the mining industry in British Columbia, and predicted untold trouble to flow as a result. In some sections there was a little friction, but in the boundary, where labor troubles have never occurred to any extent, it was accepted by all companies without exception, and has worked well from that day to this.

Last winter a law was introduced in the Legislative Assembly making eight hours the legal limit for labor in the smelting works of this province. Here before it had been the custom for men to work twelve-hour shifts in all the smelters, but it was pretty universally conceded that this was altogether too long. The act did not become law last winter, but it had strong support, and it was evident that it would be brought up again.

Last fall the Trail smelter inaugurated the eight hour shift, being the first smelter in the province to do this. In the Buntary the Granby smelter was

Land Expert's Opinion of B. C.

C. B. Schmidt, the Pueblo agricultural expert who was commissioned to examine and report upon the Okanagan district for the Midway & Vernon Railway, has written a letter to Price Ellis, M.P.P., in which he gives this province great praise, from which the following is extracted:

"If there is a Switzerland to be found on this continent, it is British Columbia, with its mountains, its lakes and streams, its vegetation and its climate, only it is ten times larger than Switzerland, and has in addition to scenery—which practically constitutes the only resource of Switzerland—a great variety of tangible resources, which makes the country attractive, not only to tourists but also to the investor, the merchant, the manufacturer and the farmer. The magnificent forests of merchantable timber, the prolific soil of its valleys and mountain slopes, the undeveloped wealth in precious minerals and of baser metals, the wealth in sea and fresh water fish, and the great advantage of its geographical location and harbor facilities for the coast and oriental trades. In short, British Columbia, in my opinion, holds within its lap such a future of affluence and international influence as only the most sanguine can conceive for a new country. I envy her people and all those who may embrace the opportunity to anticipate and participate in the future of British Columbia. Would I were one of them."

Speculation in Mining Stock

There is a lack of reason or judgment in the senseless cry one often hears against speculation in mining stock, says the Mining and Scientific Press. Nor is the fact that money may be lost in such speculation any business argument. Money may be lost in buying any kind of stock—railroad, industrial or other sort; it may be lost in purchase of city lots, or stocks of goods, yet people will go on buying these things. The cry is from timid souls or those who do not think. The point is that in any sort of speculation judgment is a necessary attribute. After careful study and observation, the man who speculates in mining stock is just as likely to win as though he speculated in anything else. His chances for success are as good; true, they are also as bad, but the business view of such things is to exercise all possible precaution and then be resigned to the inevitable element of uncertainty that enters into everything one can do. Men have made unfortunate speculations in matrimony, yet people go right on marrying and giving in marriage, as though there were no such thing as divorce courts or a domestic fight to a finish. In like manner it is said and sung that a bear is a bad element in the stock market. Yet it is just as necessary as the bull. The average man abhors a stagnant market; he doesn't care much which way the stock goes, up or down, just so there is something doing. He wants to get action for his money. It is neither our province nor purpose to uphold or justify gambling in mining stock, but it is to be remembered in connection therewith that some of the biggest and best mining enterprises in the world's history were made possible only by the active dealing in stock. The public who followed its fluctuations knew little and cared less whether the ore shot at the 800 level pinched out or the breast of the drift in the 1,200 level was in bonanza, and when assessment after assessment was levied it was the public, by holding up the stock and paying the assessments, who furnished the funds necessary to prosecute the heavy and expensive dead work that made the mine so great an ultimate success.

The first to grant the same length of shift, this happened in December. Last week the Dominion Copper and British Columbia Copper smelters did the same thing, and now eight hours is the rule and not the exception in both mines and smelters of the interior. In arriving at a decision, there were concessions on

each side, but good sense prevailed, and men received shorter hours and larger pay per hour. It would seem, from the reports that come in from other countries, that so a mine and smelter managers could take a lesson to advantage from those in charge in the Boundary.—Phoenix Pioneer.

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*Platnick Mines	105
Nettle M.	41
*Swansea	2
White Cat	1
Silver Belt	14
M. T. Fraction	34
Bunyan	16
Pretty Girl	6
Peemash	31 1/2
*Estimated.	

Croppings

Sweet flowers are slow, but weeds make haste, said Shakespeare.

Just watch Golden's smoke.—Star.
Wonder is it the hot air factory or the smelter smoke that is to be watched?

Wedding invitations and announcements promptly executed in the latest styles in The Outcrop Job Department.

Leasing System

Sandon Mining Standard:
That the leasing system in mining camps, both old and new, is productive of good results, is evidenced by many districts where the system of working mines is in vogue. Leadville, Cripple Creek and many other mining districts of Colorado, and also in Nevada, Idaho, and elsewhere, are good examples of the results of the leasing system. By its means large territory can be thoroughly and promptly prospected. In many places individuals or companies own large tracts of mineral land which they are unable to operate except at one or two points, owing to the great extent of their holdings. By dividing this land into blocks, and leasing the several blocks, the entire tract quickly becomes active and the various veins and deposits are vigorously prospected and worked by men who usually thoroughly understand the business of mining, and who operate at a minimum of cost. The leasing system is particularly applicable to regions or districts producing low grade ores. Low grade camps must be developed by large capital, for this is not the incentive to the small investor and leaser found in those districts producing low grade ores. There are many other districts where the leasing system would be beneficial and would quickly open the mines now idle, because the owners are unable or unwilling to undertake the development of their large holdings. Where the leasing system is in vogue the custom mill or smelter is almost a necessity, as leasers are usually practical miners, and prefer to leave the treatment of their ore to those who make a business of it.

The system of leasing has a further advantage not to be overlooked. Not only are the leasers usually experienced, practical miners, but they are not hampered in their operations by expensive office expenses. It is the general expense at a mine that often makes the difference between profit and loss. Elegant "city offices" maintained at great expense, with a "managing" or "resident director", under large salary, add very materially to the expense of operating. A central general office may be a necessity, but the elaborate and expensive equipment of some of these and the manner of conducting this branch of the mine's business are things seldom if ever seen in connection with a leasing proposition. The resident manager or director is sometimes a superfluous individual. If the superintendent or manager is capable, the resident director manager does not make him more so, and may be an obstacle to the proper and most economical administration of the business of the mine entirely aside from his salary and expenses.

The leaser works practically, economically and intelligently. What the mine requires in the way of equipment he provides if he can, but manages in some way to supply all that is actually necessary. He generally builds substantially, if not elaborately, and every dollar is made to go as far as experience and good management can make it go. It is not unusual for leasers to work a mine successfully and profitably which failed to pay under corporate management.

THE HOTEL WILMER.

Is a new building and is furnished throughout with all modern improvements.

The bar is supplied with the choicest brands of Wines, Liquors and Cigars.

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GOLDEN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of the Provincial Revenue Tax and all laws as to taxes and insurance, assessed and levied under the "Assessment Act" and "Mines Act" of the Province of British Columbia, that the Golden Assessment District is hereby organized for the year 1906. All taxes collectible for the Golden Assessment District are due and payable at my office, situated at the Court House in the city of Victoria.

This notice, in terms of law, is equivalent to a personal demand for one upon all persons liable for taxes.

Dated at Golden, B.C., this thirtieth day of January, 1906.

F. C. LARO, Collector Golden Assessment District, Golden Post Office.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Silver Belt and Carbonate Fraction Mineral Claims

Situate in the Windermere Mining Division in North East Kootenay District, where is located the Spring Creek, a lot, 1000 of 1000 acres.

Take Notice that I, Charles M. Keep, Free Miner's Certificate No. 30, 31, intend, a day from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claims.

And I hereby give notice that, under and according to the provisions of the Act in relation to such Certificate of Improvements passed this 22nd day of June, 1905, I, C. M. KEEP.

1-18 ROBERT M. CLUTE.

NOTICE.

To Delinquent Co-owners

To J. E. Bigham, of Kelso, B.C., or to whomsoever he may have transferred his interest in the "Alameda" mineral claim, situated on the south side of Tolly Creek, in the Windermere Mining Division of British Columbia. You are hereby notified that I have expended \$2000 in labor and improvements upon the claims of the above claim, and I will within a reasonable time of this notice, pay full or partial consideration for my portion of the above claims, and I hereby give notice that, under and according to the provisions of the Act in relation to such Certificate of Improvements passed this 22nd day of June, 1905, I, C. M. KEEP.

Dated Wilmer, B.C., January 19th, 1906.

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TIMBER LICENSES.

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Commencing at a post marked "J. F. Hanna's N. E. corner post" and planted near south fork of Tolly Creek, and nine miles above Jimmie Fork; thence south 100 chains, thence west 60 chains, thence north 100 chains, thence east 60 chains to place of commencement.

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